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Prior to an Examiner's first Action in the above-identified application, please enter  
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9-13 and 37 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such  
that pending claims 1-40 are as follows:

1. (Amended) A filament cassette for supplying filament to a modeling machine that builds three-dimensional objects by extruding modeling material supplied in the form of a filament and made flowable when heated, comprising:

- a dried chamber containing a rotatable spool of coiled filament;
- a filament path leading from the chamber to an exit orifice;
- a means for advancing a filament strand from the spool along the filament path; and
- means for preventing air flow to the chamber.

2. The filament cassette of claim 1, wherein the means for advancing comprises:  
a pair of rollers mounted opposite one another along the filament path so as to grip  
the filament strand therebetween.

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